University of Otago

Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) (Undergraduate-Entry)

The Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB ChB) degree is commonly referred to as the 'medical degree'. Undergraduate-entry students will first enroll at the University of Otago for the common Health Sciences First Year course and then apply for admission to second year Medical School. If successful, students will complete a further five years, then after graduation work for another year under probation in order to gain general registration. There is a wide range of specialisations available in the public and private sectors, involving research, academic medicine, public health, clinical medicine and other areas. Specialties include Cardiology, Oncology, Pediatrics, Psychological Medicine, Surgery, Pathology, Public Health, General Practice and many others. Most doctors complete postgraduate training in their chosen specialty.

From the time of entry to medical school, the curriculum in medicine has a significant emphasis on clinical learning, while maintaining the important learning of scientific principles underpinning the practice of medicine. The Early Learning components of the medical course are the integrated second and third year programme undertaken in Dunedin; the Advanced Learning components are undertaken during years 4 to 6 based at one of the three campuses (Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington).

Unique Features

Key core components of the second and third year integrated programmes are Case Based Learning, Clinical Skills and Healthcare in the Community programme modules.

In conjunction with these core components, study is undertaken of body systems such as the cardiovascular, endocrine, gastrointestinal, renal, respiratory, nervous and musculoskeletal
systems. There is also study of subjects such as blood, genetics, infection, immunity, cancer, metabolism, reproduction, development and ageing, public health, behavioral medicine, ethics, and professional development.

The emphasis of the fourth and fifth years is on advanced learning and supervised clinical activities in hospitals, in community based clinics, and in regional and rural general practices. This is accomplished by attachments to generalist and specialty units in hospitals such as medicine, surgery, women’s and reproductive health, paediatrics and child health, psychological medicine, emergency and critical care medicine and a wide range of subspecialty disciplines. There are also attachments in general practice and in the community, and the opportunity for rural practice experience, including availability of the Rural Medical Immersion Programme for some students in fifth year.

**Admission Criteria**

- To apply for University of Otago's medical program, you must first complete Otago's Health Sciences First Year program (applicants that have never attended university) or the first year of the Bachelor of Science (students that already have a Bachelor degree).
- Successful completion of high school
- Submit [university application](#), official transcripts, SAT or ACT scores (US Students only), notarized copy of your passport
  - The application fee is WAIVED when applicants lodge their applications through ISA.

**Total Number of International Students Accepted Each Intake:** 7

**Application Timeline:**

- Applications for February 2017 are open.
- The application deadline is October 31, 2016 (New Zealand time)

**Campus Location:** Dunedin, New Zealand

**Program Duration:** 6 Years

**Semester Intake:** February

**Returning to Canada to practice:** Students are encouraged to visit the Medical Council of Canada’s website for the most up to date and accurate information on transferring an international medical degree back to Canada. [www.mcc.ca](http://www.mcc.ca)

**Returning to the U.S. to practice:** Students are encouraged to visit the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates’ website for the most up to date and accurate information on transferring an international medical degree back to the U.S. [http://www.ecfmg.org/](http://www.ecfmg.org/)

International Studies Abroad - www.degreesoverseas.com - degrees@studiesabroad.com - 1.800.980.0033
**Estimated Annual Tuition**: Year 1: $29,805 NZD, Year 2-3: $68,000 NZD, Years 4-6 and 5: $77,200 NZD

**US Financial Aid Available**: No